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In re Application of: )  
ICHIRO OKUMURA ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/588,549 )  
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For: OPTICAL ENCODER )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO MAKE DRAWING CHANGES

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request approval to amend the drawings in the above-identified patent application, as illustrated in red on the attached copies of 4B, 5C, 12B, 14, 16, 19A, 19B, 21A, 21B, 24B, and 28. Applicants propose to amend the figures as follows:

Figure 4B, change "4a" to read as --4b--

Figure 5C, change "13b" to read as --4b--

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Figure 12B, change "25a" to read as --25a'--

Figure 14, change "26" to read as --25--

Figure 16, change "13", "14", 15", and "16" to read as --13--, --14--, --15--, and --16--, respectively, and change "Δ" to read as --A--

Figure 19A, remove "S1"

Figure 19B, remove "S2"

Figure 21A, change "13" to read as --13a--

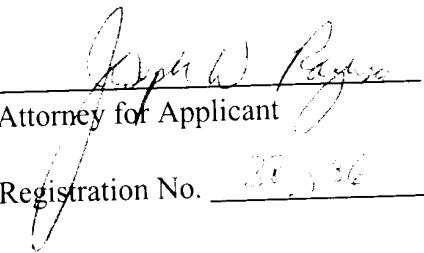
Figure 21B, change "13" to read as --13b--

Figure 24B, change "15a" to read as --15a'--

Figure 28, change "115a" to read as --115b--.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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